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INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW: (IYNTK)



## GREETINGS COMRADES:

This year Royal Rangers’ are celebrating our 50th year birthday. As we reflect on our legacy we will continue to look ahead to our Great Commission Matthew 28:19 . We have added workdays to our calendar so we can have our alter at Pow-Wow ready for this spectacular event. Feb. (9-11) for those work days. If you would like to help, contact your district director Gilbert Kerby at 502-222-8888.

Check out the events listed for the next quarter, and clear your calendars to attend. Remember these events are not just lots of fun. We have implemented these to accommodate the four ways a boy grows; mentally physical, social and spiritually.

## March

- 2-3, 2012 Ranger Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (Cancelled)
- 9 Ranger Derby Set up (Setup only) [Click here for registration](#)
- 10 Ranger Derby (Camp Crestwood) [Click here for registration](#)
- 15 – 17 National Men’s Leadership Conference (Dallas, TX) [Click here for more information](#)

## April

- 6-7 Central Section Ranger Derby ([Click here for registration](#))
- 6-8 Junior Missions Camp ([Click here for registration form](#))
- 13-15 FCF Big Adventure (Rotary Scout Reservation)
- 27-28 WCO Radcliff Ky [Click here for registration](#)

## May

- 4-6 2012 Rotary Scout Work Day (Sign up available)
- 11 – 12 RR RMA Training Camp (Vine Grove, Heartland Christian Center)

- 11 Ranger Kid Field Day
- 12 Ranger Kid Field Day
- 18-19 Honor Bound Men's Convention
- 18 – 19 Honorbound Conference -West
- 25 -26 MM Honorbound Conference - East

Don't forget to order your 2012 National Camporama Trading Pins contact Jess Craig at 859-351-0587 or [craigj48@insightbb.com](mailto:craigj48@insightbb.com) they are going fast and when gone you will not be able to get any more. Contact Jess if you plan to attend National Camporama we will provide transportation to and from for you and your outpost.

For those that Plan to attend The Kentucky District Pow-Wow this year we are offering an additional discount of \$5.00 per person for the month of February only. "THAT'S A REAL DEAL" For registration packets see [www.kyroyalrangers.org](http://www.kyroyalrangers.org)

## FROM THE NATIONAL ROYAL RANGER OFFICE:

District Directors,

I'm so excited because 2012 is our 50th anniversary! We plan to celebrate in some very meaningful ways:

- It all kicks off at LEAD2012 with our Celebration Banquet. Dr. Bradford, general secretary of the Assemblies of God, will minister. We will also have Juanita Barnes and Richard & LeeAnne Mariott as special guests. (Unfortunately, Ken Hunt's schedule will not allow him to join us.)
- That same week in March, the Pentecostal Evangel is devoting an entire issue to celebrate God's faithfulness to Royal Rangers. At the same time, a special collector's edition of Rangers NOW will mail to all chartered members.
- Camporama will be the really big party. Monday night, July 9, Dr. George O. Wood, general superintendent, and Dr. Alton Garrison, assistant superintendent, will take part in the Camporama grand opening and the 50th anniversary celebration. Juanita Barnes, Richard & LeeAnne Mariott, and Ken & Sharon Hunt will be our special guests. A firework spectacular will cap the night. Don't miss Camporama!
- Finally, Tuesday, October 9, at 8:00 a.m. the entire chapel at the Assemblies of God headquarters will focus on Royal Rangers. We are planning a grand Rangers Derby between the Executive Leadership present and members of the national Royal Rangers team and Executive Committee. In addition, an inspirational message will be delivered and broadcast via the Internet a few days later.
- Throughout the year, starting at LEAD, amazing 50th anniversary collectables will be offered to commemorate God's faithfulness.

I know I echo the sentiment of many when I say I'm grateful to God for the impact Royal Rangers had on my life as a young man. It is fitting to thank God for His faithfulness and expectantly prepare and pray for His blessings as we move into an increasingly more influential and effective future together to evangelize, equip, and empower Christ like men and lifelong servant leaders.

Doug Marsh  
National Director

## **ROYAL RANGERS 50th ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY GIFT:**

On someone's birthday it is customary to give a gift. Leaders from across the nation have asked, "What birthday gift can we give Rangers as we celebrate our 50th anniversary?" What a great idea? But what to give?

After much thought and dialogue, we have decided on a gift that reflects the adventure and challenge that being a Royal Rangers is all about. It is a gift that will last a very long time and benefit many, many boys. It is a gift we wish to make available by Camporama.

Imagine how a boy's heart will pound in his chest as he stands at the base of the 70' climbing wall towering over him. There are four faces for climbing and rappelling. There are ten routes to the top of the tower, including chimney shoots inside. One of the featured exits from the top is the Brown Streak zip line.

Next, he heads to the high ropes course. He climbs up the giant ladder to the log walk 40' above the ground. He crosses the rope bridge, balances himself on a tight rope, and after a couple of other palm drenching experiences, reaches his only way down—the zip line. He reaches the ground, but he's not done yet.

There's another edge of the arrow-shaped course yet to try.

He will also enjoy two bouldering walls. One for beginners and one for advanced climbers. Once he's done all this, he will dream well that night!

At LEAD this year, we will give all individuals, churches, districts, and regions the opportunity to contribute to this gift that will be a focal point of our national training center, Camp Eagle Rock.

### **COME TO LEAD PREPARED:**

District director, please be prepared to provide the following information at LEAD2012:

- 1. Anticipated Camporama attendance**
- 2. RR/BGMC Master's Toolbox missions commitment**
- 3. Personal and district commitment to the Royal Rangers 50th anniversary birthday gift**
- 4. Vision 20/20 goal—the number of outposts your district will have by 2020**

### **LEAD2012 :**

Register now for the annual LEAD conference at the Hyatt Regency DFW in Dallas! Rooms are being held until February 27, 2012, at the special conference rate of \$117 per night. Rooms fill up quickly. Make your reservation today. The special conference rate includes a continental breakfast, free event parking, and free Internet. You also don't want to miss the 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet with former national director Richard Mariott and Juanita Barnes, wife of Rev. Johnnie Barnes, the founder of Royal Rangers. Dr. Jim Bradford, general secretary of the Assemblies of God, will be our featured speaker. For more information on all things LEAD2012, go to <http://royalrangers.com/lead/>.

### **RRI / BGMC PHEASANT HUNT RALLY – CHANGE FOR THE WORLD:**

If you plan to attend the pheasant hunt after LEAD concludes, we need to know that information immediately. Please email Sandra Blanchard at [sblanchard@ag.org](mailto:sblanchard@ag.org). If you need to review the information we provided earlier about the hunt, please review the December DD newsletter at <http://dmarsh.agblogger.org/2011/12/>.

### **NATIONAL CAMPORAMA:**

Registration is open for National Camporama! As a reminder, your district will receive \$15 for each participant that attends from your district. Start encouraging your outposts to attend today!

“Stamporama @ Camporama” is one of the many new activities. Details about this and our other activities can be found on the Camporama web site ([www.nationalcamporama.com](http://www.nationalcamporama.com)), which we update regularly with new information.

In honor of our year-long 50th anniversary celebration, Silver Dollar City has given those attending Camporama and their families a special admission price to the park, which includes lunch! In making your plans for Camporama, why not attend Silver Dollar City? Excitement is building for this once-in-a-lifetime guy’s event, an event so big that it has been 50 years in that making. Be a part of the excitement. Be a part of the fun. Be at Camporama 2012!

### **CAMPORAMA SHOOTING SPORTS**

In order to offer expanded shooting events at Camporama, the national Royal Rangers office would like to know about any RR leader who is currently certified as a NRA instructor. We will need RR leaders to volunteer to assist at the shooting events in order to offer many events on multiple days. Please email [sschultz@ag.org](mailto:sschultz@ag.org) your contact information and list the discipline(s) in which you are certified: rifle, shotgun, range officer, or black powder rifle. Detailed information on the shooting events will be posted on the Camporama web site in February.

### **TRAINING:**

ICS is no longer being offered to certify instructors. The Training Academy (TA) is being offered through the regions to certify new instructors and recertify current instructors. Contact your regional training coordinator for more information on where and when the TA is offered in your region.

### **NEW ORANGE BIBLE MERITS:**

Four new orange Bible merits for Discovery Rangers are now available: 1st and 2nd Chronicles, 1st Kings, and Daniel. These new merits can be found in the Discovery Rangers track of TRaCclub. Additional orange Bible merits are in process and will be added to TRaCclub as they become available.

**DR, AR, & ER HANDBOOKS:**

The all-new Discovery, Adventure, and Expedition handbooks are nearing completion and should be available very soon. These new handbooks will provide boys with the latest information on the advancement system and will serve as a valuable source of information for boys and leaders alike.

**NEW PROGRAMS POSTER:**

Proudly display all the core ideals of Royal Rangers in one place with this new all-in-one promotional poster. This poster includes the RR Pledge, Code, Points of the Emblem, Motto, and Golden Rule all in one colorful display. Available now from GPH, item #239005

“ready” in **H**is service,

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